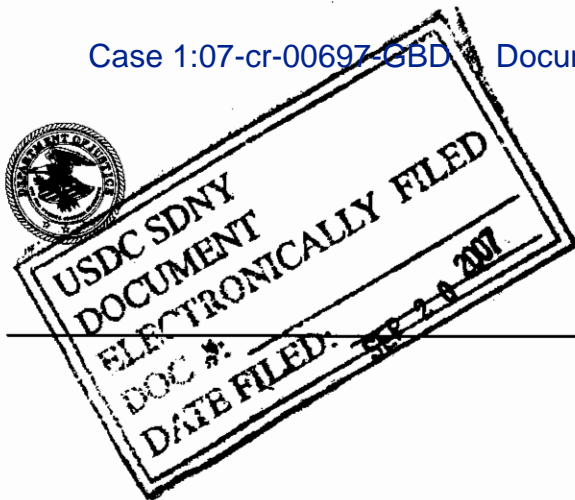


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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

The Honorable George B. Daniels  
United States Courthouse  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

Re: *United States v. Atef El-Ashkar*,  
07 Cr. 697 (GBD)

**SO ORDERED**

The pre trial conference is  
scheduled for September 26, 2007  
at 9:45 a.m.

**HON. GEORGE B. DANIELS**

**SEP 20 2007**

Dear Judge Daniels:

The defendant in the above-captioned matter was arrested and arraigned on the indictment before Magistrate Judge Douglas F. Eaton on Thursday, September 13, 2007. A control date was set for September 27, 2007, and time was excluded under the Speedy Trial Act until then. Pursuant to the court deputy's instructions, I write to request a pre-trial conference in this matter at Your Honor's earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

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